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Title: Methods of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Using Contrast Agent Solutions Formed from the Dissolution of Hyperpolarized Materials

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a continuation of international application number PCT/GB00/01888 filed May 17, 2000. This application also claims priority to application number 9911682.4 filed May 19, 1999 in Great Britain and application number 9916567.2 filed July 14, 1999 in Great Britain. Additionally, this application claims the benefit of United States provisional application numbers 60/139,258 filed June 15, 1999 and 60/146,947 filed August 2, 1999.

In the Specification

Please amend page 1, line 5, by inserting the following sentence and heading:

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